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**Early Learning & Human Services  
Committee**

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**HB 2389**

**Brief Description:** Concerning the definition of school-age child for purposes of school-age child care.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Kagi, Walsh, Jinkins, Kilduff and Moscoso.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Modifies the definition of "school-age child" to include children through 12 years of age for the purposes of school-age child care.

**Hearing Date:** 1/19/16

**Staff:** Ashley Paintner (786-7120).

**Background:**

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) oversees child care licensing for school-age child care, which includes programs that operate before and after school and during the summer and over holiday breaks. School-age child care currently serves children beginning at age 5 until they reach their twelfth birthday. The DEL serves approximately 11,800 full-time students and 24,500 part-time students through school-age child care programs.

**Summary of Bill:**

The definition of "school-age child" includes children 5 years of age through 12 years of age.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** None.

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**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.